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MEMORANDUM FOR THE DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

FROM: Chief, ICAPS

SUBJECT: Population and Manpower Studies

ENCLOSURES: (A) Proposed Memo to the Director of Central Intelligence from the Inter-Agency Committee together with Annex by Dr. Kirk of the State Department

(B) Proposed letter to Director of the Census

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1. The enclosure (A) comprises the findings and recommendations of a subcommittee which was appointed at the second meeting held on the subject on 22 December 1947. As agreed upon at this meeting, the enclosure was circulated to all interested agencies (IAC agencies plus the Bureau of the Census and the U. S. Office of Vital Statistics). All agencies concerned have indicated full concurrence. (The Research and Development Board has also recently expressed interest in this subject.)

2. In considering the recommendations contained in the enclosure, ICAPS offers the following suggestions:

a. That the working unit mentioned be composed of personnel of the Bureau of the Census, and that CIA appoint a liaison officer qualified in the field to coordinate the efforts of the working group with the requirements of the intelligence agencies.

b. The subjects of manpower and population appear in several sections of the NIS outline and are allocated principally to the State Department and the Army. Inasmuch as the subject study ties in very closely with the NIS Basic Intelligence program, it is thought that those agencies which have been allocated responsibilities in the manpower field should also have close liaison with the working unit in the Bureau of the Census.

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c. There are other agencies within the government which could contribute and would like to participate in the program. These include, outside of the IAC agencies, the National Office of Vital Statistics and the Division of Statistical Standards (Bureau of the Budget).

It is suggested that if the Director approves of the recommendations above, that these agencies be included in the implementing memo which will outline the procedures and agency responsibilities.

3. In view of the above, together with the recommendations contained in the enclosure, it is recommended that the following action be taken:

- a. A letter be addressed to the Director of the Census (Enclosure (B)) outlining the plan and requesting their opinion and/or concurrence with the proposal.
- b. A & M to include a qualified expert in the field in the T.O. for ORE, and take steps to obtain same.
- c. That the IAC agencies be encouraged to augment their activities in this field and to appoint a liaison officer to coordinate the activities of their agency with the working unit in the Bureau of the Census and CIA.

4. The Bureau of the Census has indicated that they are not at present in a position financially to maintain the proposed working unit as their appropriations have been drastically reduced.



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